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38 Dantrol: Action Rec'd: October 24, 1962 AF 12:-26 PM Brazzaville FROM: Info SS TO: Secretary of State G SP 222, October 24, 3 PM NO: L SAL Re Cuba, Department circular telegrams 705 and 726 ARA IO Both reference telegrams received decoded late 23, was able P see Foreign Minister early 24. IOP INR Re circular 726 gave him contents first four paragraphs RMR stressing seriousness demarche and chance act decisively

for peace and friendship. Went into overflight question paragraphs C and D, urging GOC deny such flights if and when requested. Tchichelle much doubted bloc flights this far south but asserted oracularly that if bloc wanted overfly Congo would be no point asking since knew what answer would be.

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Re circular 705 went carefully over eight points though some already known or overcome by events. In discussion made use certain points CA-3675: Since till very recently USG satisfied Cuban activity defensive, it was clear there had been abrupt change to bring forth such drastic reaction. Hoped Ambassador Dadet would soon report proofs. Foreign Minister recognized our need for action but was full forebodings: Aside from worry of war, feared general upset would set back progress small new nations. Assured us however of cocogedwill/dropmisis.

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